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SUBJECT: OECD AND EC VISIT OF GERMAN STATE PARLIAMEN-  
TARY LEADERS JANUARY 12-13

1. USIS MEDIA SPECIALIST DR. HUBERT VEIT AND ECONOMIC/  
COMMERCIAL OFFICER MS. SUSAN HAGGERTY ACCOMPANIED FIVE  
LAENDER PARLIAMENTARIANS AND ONE MEMBER OF THE JUSTICE  
MINISTRY ON A TWO DAY VISIT TO PARIS AND BRUSSELS  
JANUARY 12 AND 13. THE VISIT WAS A HIGHLY USEFUL  
EXERCISE IN FAMILIARIZING THE GROUP WITH U.S. POLICY  
AND THE FUNCTIONS OF THE OECD AND THE EC.

2. WHILE IN PARIS THE GROUP HAD TWO PROGRAMS, ONE WITH  
THE GERMAN DELEGATION TO THE OECD AND ONE WITH THE  
U.S. MISSION. THE GERMAN PORTION FEATURED THE FRG  
AMBASSADOR TO THE OECD, DR. EGON EMMEL, AND MEMBERS  
OF THE OECD SEKRETARIAT AND IEA EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR DR.  
ULF LANTZKE. THE U.S. PROGRAM INCLUDED A MEETING WITH  
AMBASSADOR SALTZMAN AND MEMBERS OF THE U.S. MISSION  
RESPONSIBLE FOR GENERAL ECONOMIC POLICY, ENERGY AND  
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DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

THE TWO PROGRAMS WERE HIGHLY COMPLEMENTARY. OF PARTICU-  
LAR INTEREST TO THE GERMAN PARTICIPANTS WAS THE DIS-  
CUSSION OF GROWTH POLICY. BOTH SPEAKERS (OECD SEKRE-  
TARIAT AND U.S.) PRESENTED ELOQUENT ARGUMENTS FOR THE  
'LOCOMOTIVE THEORY' AND WERE ABLE TO ANSWER CONVINCING-

LY QUESTIONS ON INVESTMENT AND INFLATION.

3. THE BRUSSELS BRIEFINGS INCLUDED A MEETING WITH AMBASSADOR SIGRIST, THE GERMAN AMBASSADOR TO THE EC AND IN THE AFTERNOON WITH THE AMERICAN AMBASSADOR HINTON AND THE POLITICAL COUNSELOR AT USEC. DISCUSSIONS HERE FOCUSED MAINLY ON THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT. AS POLITICIANS, THE PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE PARTICULARLY INTERESTED IN THE WORKINGS OF THIS INSTITUTION. THERE WAS GENUINE CURIOSITY ABOUT THE U.S. POLICY AND ABOUT THE ACTUAL RESPONSIBILITIES OF THE PARLIAMENT AND THE DIVISION OF LABOR BETWEEN THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND THE COMMISSION IN BRUSSELS.

4. BECAUSE OF THE DIFFERING POLITICAL BACKGROUNDS OF THE PARLIAMENTARIANS, THEY WERE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE BRIEFERS WITH A GOOD, WELL INFORMED CROSS SECTION OF CURRENT THINKING IN THE FRG. NOWHERE WAS THIS HIGHLIGHTED MORE THAN AT USEC IN DISCUSSIONS ON THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AND U.S. NUCLEAR POLICY.

THE PARLIAMENTARIANS WERE HIGHLY PLEASED WITH THE TRIP. IN ADDITION TO BEING ABLE TO MEET ONE ANOTHER, THEY CAME AWAY WITH A MUCH CLEARER UNDERSTANDING OF MACRO ECONOMIC AND ENERGY PROBLEMS, WHICH THEY SEE AS THE TWO MAJOR AREAS OF DEBATE BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE UNCLASSIFIED

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FRG.

5. ALL BRIEFINGS SHOWED VERY GOOD WORKING RELATIONS BETWEEN U.S. AND GERMAN DELEGATIONS TO ORGANIZATIONS VISITED AND SUPPORTED USIS BONN COUNTRY PLAN OBJECTIVES I AND II. KLIEFORTH

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